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Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Act
Charlotte, NC - Governor Roy Cooper signed Senate Bill 3 (2018 Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Act) Tuesday, October 16 following the third extra session from the General Assembly on Monday. The purpose of the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Fund provides the necessary and financial relief for assistance to those affected from Hurricane Florence. Senate Bill 3 includes requirements to receive funding and guidelines for following legislation addressing the effects of Hurricane Florence. The Fund shall be maintained as a special fund with oversight by the Office of State Budget and Management or by another State agency, as determined by the Governor.
Governor Roy Cooper praised the response of legislators to quickly initialize steps for recovery throughout North Carolina communities. Senate Bill 3 established programs to assist organizations, businesses, schools and colleges. Additionally, the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Act included services for behavioral health, agriculture, housing, and extensions for subsidies like childcare. For instance, the Hurricane Florence Emergency Grant Program for Postsecondary Students (Program) provides emergency scholarship grants up to \$1,250 for students who have suffered financial hardship due to Hurricane Florence. These funds may be used to cover any expenses that support a student's continued enrollment, including costs related to transportation, textbooks, tuition, fees, and living expenses. By November 1, 2018, each institution of higher education that is eligible for an allocation of funds can begin accepting applications from eligible postsecondary students. An emergency scholarship grant should be used to lessen the circumstances experience from the impact of Hurricane Florence on a student so that his or her postsecondary education in a North Carolina institution of higher education continues uninterrupted.
"Governor Cooper and state officials worked in a bipartisan effort on behalf of the people. Significant strides for North Carolina was made to show that students and education remains a priority throughout our state," Said Senator Joyce Waddell

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